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Man who ingested 684 grams of cocaine arrested by ICE

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico— A 33-year-old man who ingested more than 684 grams of cocaine in an effort to avoid law enforcement detection was arrested here yesterday by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents.

Juwelle David Andrew Wanga arrived at Luis Munoz Marin International Airport in Carolina, Puerto Rico from Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) inspectors referred Wanga for a secondary inspection due to his inconsistent statements.

Subsequent investigation by ICE revealed that Wanga was carrying contraband in his stomach. He expelled 12 pellets consisting of approximately 144 grams of a powdery substance that reacted positive to and was identified as cocaine.

Wanga was transported to the University of Puerto Rico Medical Center in Carolina, Puerto Rico for an examination. The medical tests revealed additional foreign bodies in his stomach. Wanga later expelled an additional 45 pellets of cocaine totaling approximately 540 grams.

“It is troubling to see to what lengths criminals will go to try to circumvents the law,” said Lydia St. John, acting special agent-in-charge of ICE investigations in Puerto Rico. “Those like Wanga who think that they can use their body as a means to carry narcotics should think twice. You will be caught and arrested.”

Wanga is in ICE custody and will be transferred to the Metropolitan Detention Center in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico after his initial appearance before a magistrate judge.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.